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Mr. William G. Miller
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Select Committee To Study Governmental
Operations With Respect To Intelligence
Activities
Room G-308
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Dear Mr. Miller:

On 31 March 1976 we forwarded comments by a senior Agency official on a Select Committee draft report entitled, "Production of Intelligence". We also offered to confer further with the author of the report.

As of this date, the status of this report remains unclear to us. While the Agency could interpose no specific objections, on security grounds only, to its release, we believe that the report as presently drafted reflects an inadequate understanding of the intelligence production process. It is obvious to anyone who does understand "production" that the report is not based on anything like a thorough investigation. It is limited to CIA and indeed only to part of the DDI. It does not even mention economic intelligence, which is a major part of the DDI product. The report does not reflect any review of the NSCIDs or DCIDs which assign production responsibilities within the intelligence community.

For these and other reasons -- such as the lack of any discussion of the role of the DDI and the DDS&T in the production of national intelligence estimates -- we cannot understand how the Committee or its staff could approve the publication of the report in its present form.



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